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Woman found dead in car in industrial park

RICHMOND A woman was discovered murdered yesterday morning behind the wheel of a grey Mercedes Benz in an industrial park in Richmond.

Investigators have not confirmed the identity of the victim, but believe she was known to police.

The woman, who is described as being in her mid-30s, apparently died from a gunshot wound.

An autopsy to confirm the cause of death is expected in the coming days, said Cpl. Dale Carr.

"The main question on our minds at this time is what brought the victim to that location at that time of day," Carr said.

Paramedics discovered the body at 4:20 a.m. in the 2500 block of Shell Road behind an industrial building. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.

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FOOD. Barb Holland presents an eco-gastronomical — and very Canadian — recipe. Page 14.

TOMORROW

MOVIES. Think you know the planet you live on? Then you may be surprised when you see Disney's Earth.

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Vancouver Canucks left winger Alex Burrows covers St. Louis Blues' T.J. Oshie's face with his glove during third period NHL western conference quarterfinal hockey action last night at GM Place. The Canucks won the game 2-1. More coverage, pg 10

'In your face' Blues!

Fans celebrate as Canucks take series lead with win in opener

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Vancouver

Fans braved economic woes and a January slump to support the Canucks in downtown bars last night as Vancouver claimed a 2-1 win over St. Louis.

At Speakeasy, celebratory spirits kicked off the game. While the bar was busy, it was far from overflowing. But the mood was upbeat, with folks erupting when Vancouver got an early lead, as Daniel Sedin knocked in the game's first goal.

"The architecture of the Canuck's goal scoring angles are awesome — the first line have these beautiful plays," said Daniel Belanger, who watched the game from the bar, Roberto Luongo's Number One stitched across his back. "I think since Sundin has gelled with the team, things are different. We now have a solid line that's able to complete plays."

The team is riding high on 11 straight home wins — a fact not lost to the half dozen fans outside of G-Sport who stood to watch the second period unfold on a mounted big-screen TV.

A few blocks away at Two Parrots, servers clad in hockey jerseys passed around plates of wings. The packed room erupted as Sami Salo scored the 'Nucks second goal.

On Tuesday, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson declared April 14 Canucks Day — one of the factors that drew Kimura Nava, who's visiting from Cancun, Mexico, to watch the game at Wings.

"This is my first playoff game, and my second day in Vancouver," said Nava. "The game's great so far — go Canucks go!"

Playoffs

- Game Two is at GM Place tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Afghan women take to streets

KABUL Afghan women staged rival demonstrations yesterday for and against a new law, which opponents denounce as legalized marital rape but supporters say defends Islamic justice.

Separated by human chains of female police, the two groups lined up outside a new Kabul Shiite mosque.

The legislation applies to the Shiite minority that makes up about 10 per cent of Afghanistan's population.

"It is frightening to be here but I could not just sit in my house," said Halima Hosseini, 27, at her first protest with about 50 other women.

"I personally cannot allow someone else to represent me and put articles in law that are against my rights, against human rights and consider me, as a woman, a second-class human."

But the law's opponents were outnumbered by its supporters. More than 100 women marched out from the mosque shouting "God is Great" and waving banners backing "Islamic Justice."

"The women coming here to demonstrate don't know much about the law and did not study it fully," said Qudsia Frotan, 21, a student leading women in support of the law.

A group of more than 200 angry male supporters also gathered on the steps of the mosque, occasionally surging toward the women and throwing small stones at the law's opponents. **REUTERS**

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Drivers sign up for bridge transponders
Drivers looking to cross the Golden Ears Bridge when it opens later this year started signing up yesterday for transponders that will save them 30 per cent every time they cross the toll bridge. A second option, to become a registered video customer, saves drivers 15 per cent per crossing. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Playoffs in Punjabi

The Vancouver Canucks' first-round home playoff games will be broadcast live from GM Place in Punjabi on ReD FM (93.1 FM). The CBC is also webcasting the series against the St. Louis Blues in Punjabi at cbc.ca/bc. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

VISIT Robert Dziekanski's mother marked what would have been his 42nd birthday by returning to Vancouver International Airport, where he was Tasered. Zofia Cisowski placed flowers and candles near the site where he died.

DRUGS Surrey RCMP investigating a large marijuana grow-op spotted four people allegedly trying to steal from the pot growers. Police arrested the suspected would-be thieves in addition to the three people in the home where the drugs were being grown.

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What's online today.

Blogs Style columnist Kenya Hunt calls for an end to the Ugg craze

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These results are not official.

Grits vow to extend transit pass

Student plan among initiatives unveiled in Liberal platform

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The B.C. Liberals plan to extend a popular inexpensive transit pass to all post-secondary students by the start of the 2010 school year, the premier announced yesterday as he rolled out his party's election platform in Vancouver.

"Our plan ensures that all students, no matter where they are attending college or university, have easy and affordable access to transit," said Gordon Campbell during a rally yesterday at VanDusen Botanical Gardens.

Students at large universities pay lower rates for their universal transit pass (U-pass) than students at smaller institutions.

Campbell's plan would mean that students would pay the same rate, regardless of the size of school.

The B.C. Liberals' "Keep B.C. Strong" platform has "six pillars" to create new economic growth, manage finance prudently, and improve critical services like education and health care.

It was launched online yesterday at bcliberals.com and features more than 130 videos of MLAs and ministers speaking about their goals and accomplishments.

Among the many promises is a pledge to further reduce small business taxes until they are the lowest in Canada by 2012 and work with the federal government to extend Employment Insurance benefits to unemployed workers who have exhausted their benefits.

The Liberals also plan to pursue developing the Site C dam in northeastern B.C., as well as developing a new law school at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops and a new medical school in Kelowna.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Premier Gordon Campbell unveils his party's election platform at VanDusen Botanical Gardens in Vancouver yesterday.

Change vote system in B.C., Greens say

POLITICS More women and minorities would be elected if the province switches to a Single Transferable Vote (STV) system, the B.C. Green party said yesterday.

A second referendum on electoral reform will be held in conjunction with the provincial election May 12. In the first referendum in 2005, supporters of STV were 2.3 per cent short of the required 60 per cent of the popular vote for the result to be binding.

Green deputy leader Damian Kettlewell said that in Western Australia women hold 47 per cent of the legislative council seats under an STV system.

In the legislative assembly, where candidates are elected using the first-past-the-post method, they only hold 20 per cent of the seats.

"Voters have more choice under a proportional system," Kettlewell said.

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Fans want refund for interrupted Britney concert

A group of people who attended Britney Spears' interrupted Vancouver concert at GM Place last week have started a website asking for a refund. Organizers of refundfrombritney.com want Ticketmaster to give refunds after the pop diva left the stage during the show for more than 20 minutes because of smoke. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Plunging into the speed-dating scene

"Ask if they like bondage," the man says with a laugh.

He is Chris Hall, one of the owners of Rendezvous Club, a singles company that is hosting 100 Dates in 100 Minutes, a hefty speed-dating event, tonight at Caprice.

His advice is facetious, of course, but as someone who's never ventured into the meat market that is the speed-dating scene, I am open to all advice on how to tackle the menu.

I tuck his nugget of wisdom away into the memory bank.

Tonight's event will be split into three age categories — 19 to 27, 28 to 34 and 35 to 40 — where each participant will have 33 three-minute "dates."

They will then fill out Datecards — which Rendezvous Club will use to determine matches — before bringing the dog and pony show on to the dance floor where all age groups can mingle.

Hall says that 95 per cent of participants get at least one match and that such events have produced seven marriages in four years.

"Keep it light and fun," Hall advises. "Don't get into things like kids and marriage."

Bondage it is.

Tomorrow in Metro

- Read Andrea Woo's review of tonight's 100 Dates in 100 Minutes speed-dating event.
- Information on this and upcoming speed-dating events can be found at rclub.ca.

Has Adoption Touched Your Life?

On June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened.

visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER that if you were involved in an adoption in Ontario, your information and privacy rights are changing.

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario adoption records will be opened. This means adopted adults and birth parents will be given access to identifying information from birth records and adoption orders.

If the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto to prevent the release of the information.

If you want your identifying information kept private, **you should file a disclosure veto before June 1, 2009.**

No contact notices are also available.

To learn more about your rights to information and privacy regarding adoption, **visit www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo or call 1-800-461-2156 (TTY 416-325-3408).**

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A hollow red cedar smoulders in Stanley Park yesterday.

Fire-damaged tree shuts Stanley Park causeway

BLAZE The Stanley Park causeway was closed to traffic during yesterday's afternoon rush as park workers removed a red cedar damaged during an early morning fire.

The closure resulted in a major traffic jam along Georgia Street.

"The cause is unknown," said Capt. Gabe Roder, a spokesman for the fire department. "But we're ruling out a lightning strike."

The fire, located about 25 metres off the west side of the causeway, roughly midway between the bridge and Lost Lagoon, was reported at about 1 a.m. when a passerby saw flames coming from the tree.

Roder said the blaze was difficult to get at and firefighters had to close the causeway for much of the night, reopening it at the start of yesterday's morning rush hour.

Working with the parks department, firefighters had planned to send an arbourist up the tree with a "piercing nozzle," Roder said, to soak the tree's hollow core.

At noon yesterday, the tree was still smoldering while a single, unmanned hose continued to soak it.

Roder would not confirm speculation that the fire could have been started by a person living in the hollow tree. **JEFF HODSON/ METRO VANCOUVER**

News in brief

CONSTRUCTION A large piece of concrete has broken off the under-construction Woodward's project and landed on the ground. No one was injured, according to beyondrobson.com. The multi-million-dollar project is expected to help revive the Downtown Eastside.

PIT BULL The three-year-old boy attacked by his family's pit bull on Good Friday is back at home and so is the dog, news1130.com reports. According to the RCMP the issue is not a criminal matter and no charges will be laid, nor will the dog be taken away from its family.

GOLF The Canadian Open is returning to Vancouver's Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in two years, which could kick-start a rotation of courses for the prestigious event. The only other time the tournament was held in B.C. was in 1954. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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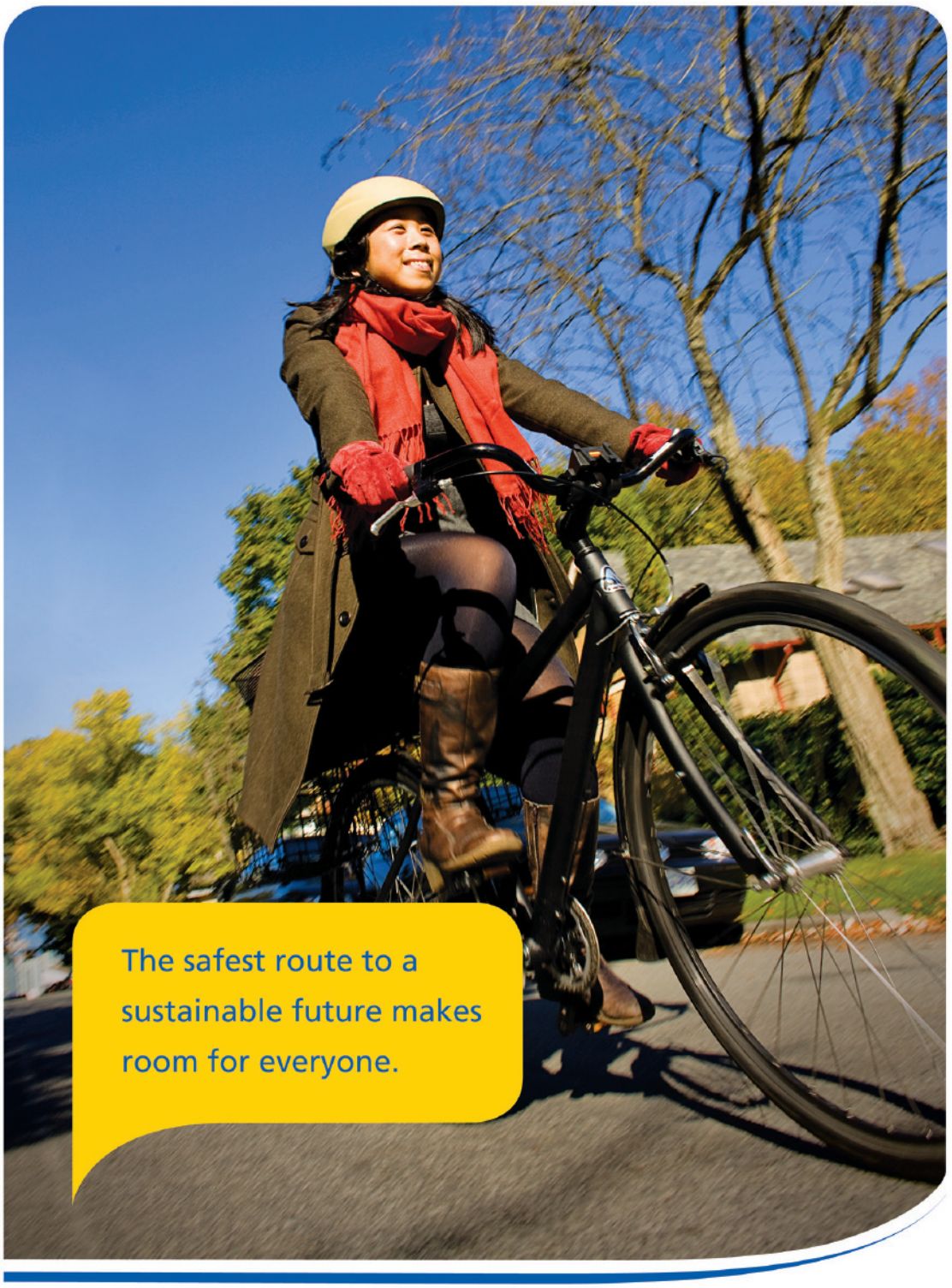

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Store owner who shot at robbers may face charges

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Police are investigating whether charges should be laid against a Vancouver jewelry store owner who shot at three men as they tried to rob his shop.

"This is an ongoing investigation with regards to the robbery and the shot that was fired, and detectives are still gathering evidence as far as what (crimes) may have been committed," Const. Lindsey Houghton said yesterday.

Houghton said three men entered Atson's Jewellers near Robson and Hamilton streets around 10:20 on Tuesday morning and started smashing display cases with a hammer.

One of the men had a gun.

"It appears the owner got out a firearm that he had stored at the store and fired one shot in the direction of one of the suspects. All three of the suspects then ran out of the store to a waiting vehicle," Houghton said.

"We certainly don't want people arming themselves," he added. "We want people to be good witnesses. We want people to phone 9-1-1 and allow officers to arrive and attend and to use our tools and our expertise."

Woman killed after being hit by her laptop during car crash

DEATH Police in Surrey are warning people to keep their belongings secure while they're driving after a woman was killed by her laptop.

Heather Storey, 25, from Delta died last month after getting into an accident with a tow truck.

Investigators concluded that Storey was killed by her laptop, which had been in the backseat and hit her in the back of the head during the accident, CBC News Online reports.

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News in brief

REAL ESTATE The average price of a home in Greater Vancouver was $530,763 in March, down 13.9 per cent from a year earlier. The drop is the biggest in Canada. **REUTERS**

Aboriginal leaders hope Pope will address residental schools

Canada's aboriginal community hopes Pope Benedict XVI will acknowledge the abuses inflicted on native children at residential schools run by the Catholic church, a top official said yesterday. REUTERS

Canada

Iggy talks tax hikes

Federal Opposition leader Michael Ignatieff allowed yesterday for the possibility of raising taxes after the recession is over if all else fails to eliminate federal budget deficits. "No honest politician faced with an $80-billion deficit will take anything off the table because Canadians do not want — they're allergic to — long-term structural deficits," the Liberal party leader told reporters in Niagara Falls, Ont. REUTERS

Father never gave up on finding daughter

Frank Gonis kept Ashley's clothes and toys even though he had the heart-sinking realization that somewhere out there she was outgrowing them.

So every once in a while during the two years his daughter was missing, Gonis went and bought new clothes and toys that he knew she would like.

She would outgrow those, too.

Two years ago, Gonis filed a missing-child report after his ex-wife disappeared with their daughter, who was eight at the time.

Then one day last week, Ashley ran away from her Vancouver home and walked for hours on her own to call 9-1-1. Her father said yesterday that if Ashley had not done so, he might never have seen her again.

"She was gone, but she's never left, too, in some ways."
Frank Gonis

"She was gone, but she's never left, too, in some ways," Gonis said in an interview from his Montreal home, where his daughter's room is exactly as she left it when he last saw her in 2007.

"I have everything she owned; her crayons are here, her drawings are here, her toys are here. I kept buying her new clothes, new toys, and some of them won't be right any more."

The Montreal construction worker hopes to see Ashley in Vancouver by this weekend.

One of the first things he'll tell her, he said, is that everything she left behind is still waiting for her back home.

Ashley is in government care after she walked along Vancouver's bustling east side to find a payphone at a SkyTrain station to call for help.

Her bravery, Gonis said with awe in his voice, was never in doubt.

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Ottawa **Goodall visits Canada**

CHRISTOPHER PIZZEY/METRO CANADA

Renowned primatologist, environmentalist and UN Messenger of Peace Dr. Jane Goodall speaks at a press conference at Parliament Hill yesterday, while National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine looks on. Goodall and Fontaine announced a partnership, the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots global youth action program, for First Nations communities across the country.

Campaign aims to counter push for privatized medical care

MEDICARE Taking direct aim at Canada's top doctor who's the owner of a chain of private diagnostic centres, a coalition of pro-medicare groups says Canadians are being "misled" about the benefits of privatized care.

The coalition yesterday launched a national campaign to counter such efforts, charging that men like Canadian Medical Association president Robert Ouellet will be the only ones to benefit from privatization.

Since becoming CMA president last summer, Ouellet has promoted a "European" style of health care mixing public and private delivery.

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13-year-old boy accused of robbing bank

A 13-year-old boy who police say was caught red-handed a block away was accused on Tuesday of robbing a bank in Peoria, Ill. REUTERS

World

11 pirates detained

French navy seizes ship off Kenyan coast

The French navy detained 11 Somali pirates yesterday who tried to seize a Liberian-flagged merchant ship, and other pirates released a Greek-owned vessel captured in March, officials said.

Heavily armed pirates from lawless Somalia have been increasingly striking the busy Indian Ocean shipping lanes and strategic Gulf of Aden, capturing dozens of vessels, hundreds of hostages and making off with millions of dollars in ransoms.

The French frigate Nivose captured the pirates' mothership, which was carrying two small assault boats, some 900 kilometres east of the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Tuesday, the French Defence Ministry said.

The Nivose, deployed to prevent attacks in the gangs' widening hunting grounds off the coast of Somalia and neighbouring Kenya, tracked the pirates after its helicopter thwarted an attack on the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia.

In Athens, the Greek Merchant Marine Ministry said the Saint-Vincent-flagged cargo ship Titan and its 24 crew were freed by their Somali captors yesterday.

An official who declined to be named said the ministry had no information whether a ransom had been paid. REUTERS

EU operation

- The French navy is in the region as part of "Operation Atalanta," the European Union's anti-piracy mission that also involves German, Spanish and Italian forces.

U.S. Anti-stimulus protests

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People wave signs at a "tea party" protest on the grounds of the Colorado state capitol in Denver yesterday. Protests were held in many U.S. cities, inspired by the 1773 Boston Tea Party rebellion against British colonial taxes, which helped spark the American revolution. The crowds demonstrated against taxes, government bailouts and U.S. President Barack Obama's budget proposal.

News in brief

IRAN U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday the United States welcomes dialogue with Iran but has not dropped or added any conditions on a nuclear deal with Tehran.

INFLUENZA Scientists in Hong Kong and the United States have identified a synthetic compound that appears to be able to stop the replication of influenza viruses, including the H5N1 bird flu virus. Their finding was published in the latest issue of the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. REUTERS

Thai ex-PM urges king to help end conflict

UNREST Thailand's ousted prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra yesterday urged King Bumibol Adulyadej, seen by many Thais as semi-divine, to help end the political chaos that has erupted into violent protests.

Thailand has revoked Thaksin's passport, saying he helped instigate the unrest from his self-imposed exile. His supporters forced the cancellation of an Asian summit last weekend, and two people were killed in the violence in Bangkok.

"I have urged his majesty to intervene. He is the only person that can intervene in this incident, otherwise the violence will become wider and also the confrontation would be more and more," Thaksin told broadcaster France 24.

The king is widely respected by Thais, whatever their political affiliation. REUTERS

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Marketing spray-on trust

Relating

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On the web

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As scientists continue to scrutinize human relationships at the molecular level, marketers do the same thing they've always done with each new discovery.

Example: The hormone oxytocin, which is believed to contribute to human bonding and feelings of trust. Women produce it during breastfeeding and orgasm.

In a recent University of Bristol study, test subjects were dosed with either an oxytocin nasal spray or a placebo, then shown a series of photographs of people and asked to rate the faces.

"We found that oxytocin administration increased ratings of trustworthiness and attractiveness of male and female targets in raters of both sexes relative to control ratings, suggesting that higher levels of this neuropeptide may enhance affiliative behaviour towards unfamiliar others," the authors wrote, possibly in a state of profound excitement. It's hard to tell.

The profit-minded read stuff like this and register only two words: Love potion! Indeed, there is already a spray on the market purporting to harness the power of oxytocin, Vero Labs' Liquid Trust. It sells for $50 a bottle, enough to render you irresistible for two months.

They're so confident it works they offer a 60-day, money-back guarantee. Trust us, they say. And, once hopped up on oxytocin, how could you not?

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Putative aphrodisiacs have a long and undistinguished history, and hucksters have been working on pheromonal versions for years. While it could be argued that such biological social warfare is no more manipulative than cologne or teeth-whitening strips, spiking a potential mate's brain chemistry seems a little more insidious.

Ethical considerations aside, one would think that the wearer would be as susceptible to the spell of oxytocin as anyone else, walking around in a blissed-out cloud of indiscriminate attraction.

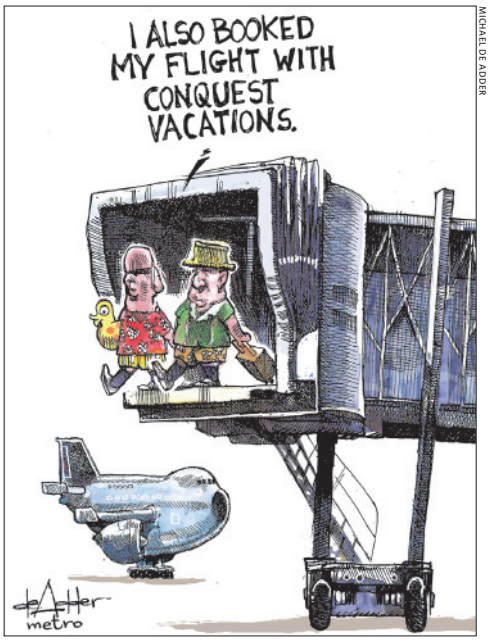
One could purposely dose oneself with Liquid Trust in order to fall for the person you think you should, even if your instincts seem to militate against the hook-up. Eliminate the drudgery of arranged marriages with our fast-acting spray!

Those already in rocky relationships could perhaps save themselves the trouble of either working on their problems or splitting up with a well-placed spritz of this chemical bonding agent.

But what would happen if everyone used it, flooding the neurochemical market with ersatz love? Would we still recognize the real thing? Would the real thing still exist?

Did it ever?

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



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Views

Learn to save or learn to like dog food

InBusiness

Charles Davies

It would be nice to believe economists who say this recession is fundamentally changing Canadians, making them spend less and save more. After all, there's been a recent decline in credit card use and a rise in the personal savings rate. In the fourth quarter of 2008, people were saving 4.7 per cent of their disposable income on average, the highest level since 1995. Profligate grasshoppers appear to be turning into thrifty ants.

Don't believe it.

Once happy days are here again, Canadians are more than likely to resume their extravagant ways. The reckoning may be put off until a wave of baby boomers retires to the horror of lingering indebtedness and insufficient income.

Sure, credit card use is slipping right now, but it isn't just because card holders have been scared into temporarily spending less. Credit card issuers, primarily the big banks, are restraining market growth because they fear that delinquencies will mean surging losses on their credit card portfolios. Losses on Canadian credit cards rose above three per cent of average balances during the third quarter of 2008 (the seventh straight quarterly rise) and it's a fair assumption that things are worse now. Of late, banks have significantly increased the amount of money they set aside to cover potential card losses.

But once the recovery takes hold, banks and other issuers will aggressively market cards again because they're so lucrative. CIBC, the country's biggest issuer with outstanding balances of roughly $14 billion, had credit card revenues of $1.75 billion last year, an amount substantially greater than the bank makes from mortgage and personal lending combined. Long-term growth has been phenomenal. As of this January, the outstanding credit card balances of Canadian banks totalled $52 billion, more than five times greater than a decade ago.

Expect compulsive spending disorder to recur, weakening our already recessive savings gene. The recent blip in the personal savings rate cannot mask the fact that it has been falling steadily since the 1980s, when it was close to nine per cent of disposable income. By 1998, it was a shockingly low 0.7 per cent. Canadians have ample reason to save. Public pensions and benefits are modest and company pensions hardly provide adequate retirement income, but so far they've shown scant inclination to consistently put money aside. Either they develop some serious savings discipline, or acquire a taste for Alpo.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer and editor who has worked for news organizations and publications including Business Week, Canadian Business, Report On Business magazine, Reuters, and Financial Post.

Worth mentioning

New York tables bill to legalize gay marriage

CIVIL RIGHTS New York Governor David Paterson will introduce legislation today to make gay marriage legal, but the move faces an uncertain vote in the state Senate.

If the bill passes, New York would follow Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and Iowa in legalizing gay marriage.

"The timing was always right," said Paterson, a Democrat — who ordered all New York state agencies a year ago to recognize out-of-state gay marriages. "It's just who is willing to take that step, and I am."

Gay marriage has broad support in their Democratic-controlled State Assembly, where it passed in a vote of 85 to 61 in 2007. It was never put to a vote in the Senate while it was controlled by Republicans.

While the Democrats now hold a Senate majority for the first time in more than 40 years, it is slim — 32 to 30 — and at least one Democratic senator, Ruben Diaz, opposes gay marriage. He says the issue should be decided by a voter referendum.

Lawmakers in New Hampshire and Maine, which already offer same-sex couples some form of legal recognition, are also considering bills to allow gay marriage.

California briefly recognized gay marriage until voters banned it in a referendum last year. **REUTERS**

Metro Online Poll Results

14% SAID YES	Should public funds pay for gender reassignment surgery? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca*	86% SAID NO

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CAW plans to restart Chrysler talks
The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it plans to be back at the bargaining table with Chrysler Monday to resume talks that have been stalled since the beginning of April. REUTERS

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Conquest halts operations

Travel company cites difficult market, credit card processors

The country's beleaguered travel industry has suffered yet another casualty after Conquest Vacations suddenly shuttered its operations yesterday, citing difficult market conditions and "unreasonable demands" by its credit card processing companies.

Conquest surprised analysts and angered affected travellers by revealing on its website yesterday morning that it had ceased operations "effective immediately" after 37 years of selling holiday sun packages to Canadians.

Conquest, which at one time said it was carrying more than one million passengers per year, blamed overcapacity in the market, a price war among tour operators and "unreasonable demands" by credit card processing companies.

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Customer claims and refunds

- Conquest has directed customers seeking claims or refunds to contact their travel agents. If they booked directly through Conquest, they were instructed to email the company or contact their credit card providers.

Canadian home resale prices fall, but sales rise

HOUSING Resale house prices in Canada fell 7.7 per cent in March from a year earlier, but sales rose from February, the Canadian Real Estate Association said yesterday.

The average home price in Canada was $288,641 in March, down from $312,852 a year earlier, CREA said.

Prices were lower in 16 of 25 major markets that the association measures. The average national price "continues to be skewed downward" because of fewer transactions at the higher end of the spectrum, CREA said.

Nationally, 31,135 homes were sold in March, up seven per cent from February on a seasonally adjusted basis and building on February's 10.3 per cent rise from January.

British Columbia posted the largest increase in home sales, up 13.6 per cent. REUTERS

Brazil Forum on Latin America

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The World Bank's vice-president for Latin America, Pamela Cox, speaks during the World Economic Forum on Latin America in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, yesterday. The forum opened yesterday to welcome more than 500 leaders from more than 35 countries to discuss the implications of the economic crisis.

Business in brief

CONTROVERSY Fast food giant Burger King has apologized for an advertisement featuring a squat Mexican draped in his country's flag and said it would change the campaign after a complaint from Mexico's ambassador to Spain. REUTERS

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Oilers dump MacTavish

The Edmonton Oilers fired head coach Craig MacTavish just three days after the end of another disappointing season. The Oilers finished the 2008-09 campaign with a mark of 38-35-9, and missed the playoffs for the third year in a row. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Dice-K to DL

Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a mild right shoulder strain. Matsuzaka didn't make it to the second inning Tuesday against Oakland, giving up five runs and five hits on 43 pitches. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks draw first blood

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Vancouver Canuck Daniel Sedin, left, is caught up in the arms of teammate Shane O'Brien as they celebrate Sedin's goal against the St. Louis Blues last night. The Canucks won 2-1.

THE SKINNY: Roberto Luongo made 25 saves and Sami Salo's power-play marker proved to be the winner as the Canucks took their opener against the Blues. Daniel Sedin opened the scoring for Vancouver and combined with brother Henrik for three points on the night, while Brad Boyes replied for the visiting Blues.

THE TWINS: With the spotlight clearly on them, the Sedins silenced a number of critics who have claimed the brothers can't perform in the post-season. In addition to the points, the pair looked dangerous all night long and would have scored twice more if not for stellar saves by Chris Mason.

THE TONE: Expect a feisty series if Game 1 is any indication. Plenty of face-washing, pushing and shoving after the whistle. The number of times there wasn't a scrum after the whistle could be counted on one hand.

THE ATMOSPHERE: Electric. From pre-game festivities to the opening montage on the video screen to the towel power in the stands, Vancouver acted like city that had been waiting two years to see a playoff game.

THE RATING: An intense, physical start to the series; the appetite has been whetted. 4.5 out of 5 stars.

THE NEXT GAME: Game 2 goes tomorrow night at the Garage.

Pens pound Flyers; Rangers Cap Washington

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 26 of 27 shots as the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-1, in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference quarter-final series in Pittsburgh last night.

Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby each posted a goal and one assist for the Penguins, who have won five of the last six playoff meetings against the Flyers dating back to last season.

Tyler Kennedy and Mark Eaton also tallied for Pittsburgh, which won four of six regular-season meetings against Philly.

N.Y. RANGERS 4, CAPITALS 3

Brandon Dubinsky scored the go-ahead goal with a little more than eight minutes left in the third period and the New York Rangers held on to edge the Washington Capitals, 4-3, in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series at Verizon Center. Henrik Lundqvist was solid between the pipes, turning aside 32 of 35 shots for New York, which was playing without captain Chris Drury, who is suffering from an undisclosed injury.

DEVILS 4, HURRICANES 1

Zach Parise and Jamie Langenbrunner had a goal and an assist each as New Jersey logged a 4-1 victory against Carolina in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series from Prudential Center.

Martin Brodeur nearly notched yet another career milestone, stopping 18 of 19 shots in blanking the Hurricanes over the opening 49-plus minutes. Brodeur notched his 96th career playoff win, second all-time to Patrick Roy (151). Brodeur needs just one shutout to tie Roy for the all-time lead in post-season whitewashes at 23.

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Joffrey Lupul of the Flyers is hit by Hal Gill of the Penguins.

Getting to know Blues, Canucks

TheHockeyNews

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Here are a few things about the Canucks and Blues of which you might not be aware:

• This is the third time Vancouver and St. Louis have met in the playoffs, with the Canucks emerging victorious — barely — on the previous two occasions. Both previous meetings, in 1995 and 2003, were also first-round matchups — and both went to a deciding Game 7. In 2003, the Canucks rallied from a 3-1 series deficit, scoring 13 goals in the final three games after scoring just four times in the first four games.

• No team was hotter than Vancouver or St. Louis in the second half of the regular season. The Canucks went 23-7-2 (.750) in their final 32 games while the Blues went 25-8-6 (.718) in their final 39 contests.

• A big part of the big finish for both teams was the fact that their respective goaltending situations were stabilized. For Vancouver, Roberto Luongo came back after a two-month injury layoff and returned to his rightful place — and righteous play — in net. For St. Louis, Chris Mason started the final 38 games — yeah, that's right, 38 frickin' games in a row — and was perhaps the best goalie in the West in the second half.

• Things got a little prickly last summer when new Canucks GM Mike Gillis tendered an offer sheet to Blues winger David Backes, who was a restricted free agent. (Remember how blustery then-Anaheim GM Brian Burke became when then-Oilers GM Kevin Lowe signed away RFA Dustin Penner from the Ducks a couple years ago? It might be legal, but it's also a good way to make enemies.) St. Louis, with its hand forced, matched the offer and retained Backes — and then, a week later, tendered an offer to Canucks winger Steve Bernier, forcing Vancouver to likewise pay more than the team expected. In the end, maybe Gillis did the Blues a favour — Backes scored a surprising 31 goals in his third season and he's locked up for two more years.

• Both the Canucks and the Blues concluded the regular season with 1-0 shutout wins over Colorado. Coincidence? Of course. But you can bet there's at least one more 1-0 game in the immediate future for these two teams.

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Ronaldo responds

UEFA Cristiano Ronaldo's brilliant early goal sent holders Manchester United through to the Champions League semifinals with a disciplined 1-0 win over Porto on Wednesday.

Ronaldo smashed in an unstoppable 40-yard shot after six minutes and United hung on to become the first English team to win in Porto, their 3-2 aggregate victory setting up a last-four clash with Premier League rival Arsenal.

In other action, Arsenal romped into the semifinals to face Man U with a 3-0 defeat of Villarreal to seal a 4-1 aggregate victory.

Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his highlight-reel goal.

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Smoke 'em out
Seen here is the Weber Smokey Mountain Cooker Smoker. With a built in thermometer, a porcelain-enamelled water pan and a no rust aluminum door, it's perfect for smoking enthusiasts. See Weber.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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It's barbecue time!
Weber recently unveiled it's latest product line for barbecue enthusiast. Whether its smokers, gas grills or charcoal grills, their latest line will appeal to grillers of all types. Check out the Weber Spirit E-210 gas grill, left. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Don't forget the backyard

HouseLeague

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One of the most neglected parts of a home staging is the outdoor space. But it's one of the most popular areas for families to spend the warm, dry months. When staging a balcony or yard, many of the same rules apply to home staging.

In spring and summer, a balcony and backyard are easy to show off. The flowers and trees are in full bloom, the grass is growing and everything is ready to use. But many homeowners forget some of the basic rules, such as banning the dog from the lawn, and keeping grass short and garden plants well-tended. Overgrown, dead yards show a lack of care for the property and a buyer can assume if an owner fails to maintain a yard, they won't have maintained the home.

Clutter is another issue, especially with balconies. They can often appear much smaller then they are when crammed with storage items and oversized items. Ensure all barbeques and furniture are appropriately sized so that the space is functional and appears larger then it is. Add small plant accents to give the balcony a "yard-like" feel — but be careful not to overdo it as you don't want the space to turn from outdoor lounge to greenhouse.

Finally, remember that a balcony or yard is not included in the square footage of the home. When buyers are coming through, convey the lot size of your yard or square footage of your balcony. Letting potential owners know they have more space then they realize to spread out can compensate for a lack of indoor area and assist in a sale.

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Style according to whom?

Kitchen door query raises good point: Design is a question of taste

UrbanDweller

A regular reader wrote me last week to get what sounded like the 10th opinion on a functional feature of her own 1970s apartment. Seems that her kitchen swing doors had suddenly come under attack. A tradesman suggested she lose them.

She had liked the way those doors concealed her kitchen from the entryway. Were they really that offensive?

The general consensus was they looked like something out of a Clint Eastwood movie, but I begged to differ, for many reasons.

First, they effectively remove the sightline of typical counter clutter without chopping up the flow or cutting out light. Second, their swing style allows her to move through them easily, even if her arms are full of groceries. Third, they're clean-lined and cream-coloured, in keeping with the apartment. But the biggest reason they should stay is that she likes them.

Which brings me back to one of my favourite questions: Style according to whom?

Above: The noren is a functional, seasonal tradition for entryways in Japanese homes and businesses. Right: It is another option for concealing an untidy view while keeping the space open.

The designer is not the boss of you. Or me. There is no right or wrong way to set up your own space but endless possibilities. As the Groove Armada song goes, "If everybody looked the same, we'd be tired of looking at each other."

"There is no right or wrong way to set up your own space but endless possibilities."

Not everybody wants to live in a matchy-matchy display suite environment, but the space does need to be functional or you'll be in a constant low-level struggle with your home. Removing that set of swing doors might compel the owner to constantly keep the kitchen counters clear of messy evidence of meal preparation — or feel guilty for not being on top of that high-maintenance routine.

The Japanese 'noren' is a sweet example of the form-function balance that answers the need for a permeable barrier between public and private space. Its practical purpose has evolved into an emblematic, heraldic art form, incorporating traditional and contemporary shibori, batik, block-printing and silkscreen techniques. But the noren endures because of its function. It keeps bugs, glaring sun and nosy neighbours at bay during hot days when the doors are opened wide for better air flow. It can be installed in a second and serves the same purpose as a welcome mat for storefront businesses and restaurants.

I suggested to the inquiring reader that she take advantage of her swing doors' new function as a conversation piece by flinging them open before company with Clint Eastwood flair. Good design never goes out of style.

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Glamour's best dressed list

British pop singer and television star Cheryl Cole was crowned the world's best dressed woman by Glamour magazine, beating last year's winner Kate Moss into second place. Also in the top five was U.S. actress Blake Lively. REUTERS

Style

Tote your Earth Day message

Wear your environmental message on your shoulder with one of Old Navy's new cool and colourful reusable totes. Choose from a variety of fun slogans like "I love boys who recycle," "Hug a tree," and "Conserve your earth." The totes are $14.50 each. Also in support of Earth Day (April 22), the popular clothing retailer will offer "green" boxers, organic cotton baby suits and trendy tees, all under $20. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Eco-accessorizing

Head to toe details that won't harm the planet

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Get a little greener with jewelry, bags, shoes and more made with found, vintage, recycled, renewable, natural and organic materials.

• Traditional Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) running-shoe midsoles can take up to 1,000 years to break down. The Brooks BioMoGo midsole will biodegrade within 20 years of entering a landfill. In 20 years, it'll equal a landfill reduction of 29.9 million pounds of waste, or 1,277 football fields blanketed in a one-shoe-deep carpet of runners. Shop: Brooks Women's Glycerin runner with BioMoGo, $159.99, brooksrunning.ca.

• Naturally breathable and hypoallergenic, bamboo-fibre fabric is also a sustainable resource which grows sans chemical pesticides or fertilizers and is 100 per cent biodegradable. Shop: Mark's Work Wearhouse bamboo socks, $9.99/2-pack.

• Toronto-based jewelry designer Dandi Maestre has a passion for organic shapes and natural materials such as shed antlers, driftwood, shells and bone, all found in shores, rivers, jungles and forests around the world. Shop: Dandi Maestre coconut cuffs, $230 each, stackable bone and horn rings, $75 each, dandimaestre.com and select Holt Renfrew stores.

• A purse hook keeps your beloved bag off the dirty floor. The hook part swivels to slide flat into a purse pocket until you need it. Shop: Purse hook, $24, eco-handbags.ca. This one's made with recycled metal and rubber.

Purse hook, $24, eco-handbags.ca.

• Artisans with Nugaard Designs make jewelry and decorative ornaments using traditional weaving techniques and organic Golden Grass, which grows in the northwest of Brazil and is a main source of income for local area communities. Shop: Nugaard Designs sculpted grass earrings with 14-karat gold earwire, $164.30, anthropologie.com.

• Toronto-based designer Chrys Ioannou uses vintage elements from German, Japan, Czech Republic, France and the U.S. for many of her jewelry pieces. Shop: Red vintage glass earrings, $12, chrysdesignsjewelry.etsy.com.

Roots Source in Bamboo, 50 mL, $49, roots.com.

• Organic leather, vintage ticking fabric and a kiss-lock clasp make the made-in-Canada Jack & Marjorie Clementine clutch, $110, a winning piece. Available at jackandmarjorie.com.

Jack & Marjorie Clementine clutch, $110, jackandmarjorie.com.

• Calgary's Rexcana Studios uses old truck tarps in many of their designs. Their Los Angeles Tote, $110, also has a recycled-tire bottom and is lined with cotton. Available at eco-handbags.ca.

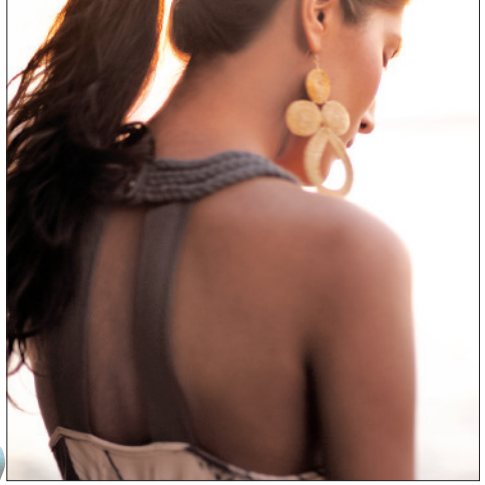
Bamboo socks, $9.99/2-pack, Mark's Work Wearhouse.

Timberland Earthkeepers Benin Ballerina deck shoe, $100, at Sporting Life.

• For their Earthkeepers line, Timberland selects recycled materials, organic cotton and leathers from a tannery with reduced energy use, reduced waste and quality water treatment. Shop: Timberland Earthkeepers Benin Ballerina deck shoes, $100, at Sporting Life.

• Roots introduces Source, their first eco-scents made with natural corn-based alcohol, natural extracts and natural oils, and without animal ingredients, silicones, sulphates, phthalates or parabens. Boxes are constructed using renewable energy, 50 per cent post-consumer waste and carbon-neutral printing. Fragrances include Red Tea and Bamboo for women, 50 mL, $49, roots.com.

Red vintage glass earrings, $12, chrysdesignsjewelry.etsy.com.



Nugaard Designs sculpted grass earrings with 14-karat gold earwire, $164.30, anthropologie.com.

Bone and horn rings, $75 each, at Holt Renfrew.

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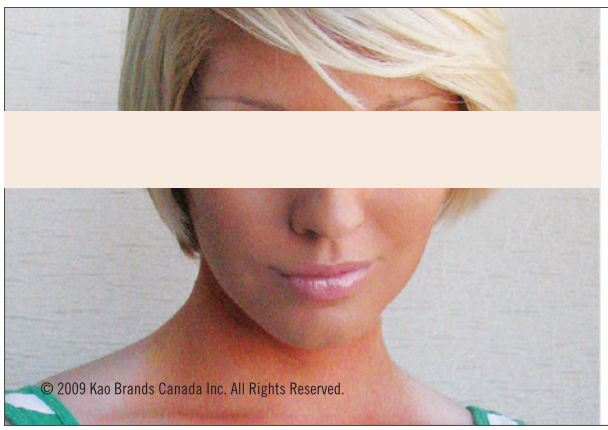

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Food

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Thermos hydration bottles are 100 per cent Bisphenol A (BPA) free and Thermos travel mugs or tumblers will save coffee cups from the dumster.

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Battle of the Bobs

I'd hoped that after Sideways hit theatres in 2004 (with its blend of grapes, gripes and full frontal male nudity) we'd see more flicks about wine. No such luck. There was nary a glass on screen until last year's release of Bottle Shock.

Now out on DVD it's the feel-good tale of a mid-'70s tasting that pitted the best chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon from France against their perceived equivalents from California's Napa Valley. It ends (spoiler alert!) with the American's kicking the cork out of the French.

What makes it even more fun to watch at home is that you can taste along with the movie's theme of New World vs. Old World (and not break the bank) by focusing on the grapes rather than the specific (and very expensive) wines competing in the film.

Try this red option. Screen it while you have a battle of the Bobs: **California's Robert Mondavi's 2006 Private Selection Cabernet Sauvignon ($18.95 - $19.99)** against **France's Robert Giraud's 2006 Château Timberlay ($15.75 - $19.20)** merlot and cabernet blend.

Both are all about ripe fruit, broad flavours, balanced tannins and a love for grilled meats. Play the disc, taste them side by side and see which turns your corkscrew.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Canadiana in a pastry cup

À la carte

Barb Holland

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As we celebrate Earth Day next week, our thoughts turn to the upcoming growing season as many are itching to get out and prepare our gardens for planting. There is a "growing" interest in planting, harvesting and enjoying our own vegetables.

Beyond our own gardens, Farmer's Markets will be soon be opening, generally on Victoria Day weekend across the country, just as the first of the early greens make an appearance.

So too is there an interest in the slow food movement. Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization that was founded in 1986 to counteract fast food and the disconnect many people have between farm and fork. It encourages shopping local, supporting the community, reducing carbon footprint and making connections from farm to table.

Always making those connections is culinary activist Anita Stewart. Her latest book, Anita Stewart's Canada celebrates Canada from coast to coast through food, recipes and stories. And one of the most celebrated foods in Canada has to be butter tarts.

Peggy Morris's Amazing Butter Tarts

From Anita Stewart's Canada. Peggy Morris and her husband Edmund farmed northwest of Elora in Peel Township, Ont.

Butter tarts vary greatly. What type of sugar? Nuts, raisins or neither? There are likely as many butter tart recipes as cooks.

Anita enjoyed Peggy's butter tarts many times over the years and asked for her recipe. Makes 18 tarts.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (250 mL) raisins
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) corn syrup
- 1 cup (250 mL) packed brown sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) melted butter
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped walnuts
- 18 Sweet Tart Pastry shells **(recipe online at metronews.ca/alacarte)**

METHOD:

In a small bowl, cover raisins with boiling water. Let soak for 20 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, corn syrup, brown sugar, butter and nuts. Stir in raisins. Pour evenly into prepared tart shells. Bake in preheated 450°F (220°C) oven 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to 350°F (180°C) and open door slightly for 15 to 20 seconds to bring temperature down rapidly. Bake for 15 minutes or until bubbling and deep golden brown. Let cool for 10 to 15 minutes before removing from the pan.

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Go Green

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

On the web

Canadian Living recipe of the month:

- For a recipe for Baked Sausage-Stuffed Shells, visit metronews.ca/food
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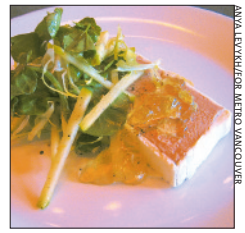
Rating: ●●●●●
Dinner & drinks for 2: $90

It's not the healthiest food you've ever eaten, but it may be some of the tastiest. Rich terrines surrounded by pork fat, thick wedges of aged cheese, paper-thin slices of cured meat, and French butter — heart attack or haute cuisine, either way you die happy. The good folks at Au Petit Chavignol understand the difference between Schneider's and salsiccia, and if meat, cheese and wine is your thing, then a lesson in Provolone provenance should be on your dance card.

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

The daily terrine ($10) was a chicken liver compress that had been soaked in port and Madera wines, and whipped into a buttery, silky frenzy so reminiscent of foie gras that I had to ask twice if it was really just chicken. The gewürtz jelly it came with was sweet icing on a very rich cake. Mac and cheese ($9) was a baked casserole of three cheeses over Béchamel sauce and bread crumbs. A plate of La Quercia Rossa prosciutto ($5.50) with the never-empty bread basket and some of the aforementioned French butter ($3) made a great meal. Dessert was a paper bag of warm-from-the-oven soft chocolate cookies ($7) that screamed of dark brownies and raw cacao. Who needs healthy, anyway?



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Chicken liver terrine.

Chile Takes Cab to New Heights

The Aconcagua Valley is known for its mild, Mediterranean weather conditions and sandy, clay-rich soil.

Viña Errazuriz's 2007 Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon has miniscule hints of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Shiraz, but is over 90 per cent Cab Sauv. An intense nose of berry and balsamic is offset by a fruit-forward palate with notes of chocolate. The 2004 is still on shelves and is even bigger. Pair with osso buco, lamb, stews and spicy dishes. BCLS $19.99.

Dining out

MEATBALL MONDAYS

Starting this Monday, Cibo Trattoria (900 Seymour St.) will offer Meatball Mondays. Enjoy a hearty plate of meatballs made from Pemberton Meadows beef and Sloping Hills pork, along with salad, bruschetta and a glass of wine, for $25 ($19 for teetotallers). Call 604-602-9570 for details.

SEAFOOD AND FRESH GREENS

On May 3, La Quercia Restaurant (3689 West 4 Ave.), along with Tyler Dawson of Liberty Wine Merchants, will host a six-course dinner featuring food and wine from the Veneto region of Italy. The menu will focus on seafood and fresh produce. Tickets $119 per person. Call 604-676-1007 for more info.

In brief

EC DANA Reinhardt, formerly of Cru, and Sous Chef John Corsi, formerly of Pied-a-Terre, will soon be seen together at the almost-open Circa Restaurant & Lounge on Granville.

A NEW farmers' market will arrive at Station Street (near Main Street and Terminal Avenue) on June 10 and will run every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. until October 21.

NASA gives Colbert a workout
NASA has refused to name a room on the International Space Station after Stephen Colbert after he won a contest, but the government agency said Monday that it will name a high-tech treadmill after the Emmy winner instead. EONLINE.COM

Entertainment

Page goes pop
Ellen Page's Wikipedia entry says the Academy Award-nominee will voice-guest on The Simpson's on May 3 as a pop star called Alaska Nebraska.
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McClelland disc perfect for summer

Melissa McClelland

Album: Victoria Day
Label: Six Shooter/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

NOW'S THE TIME to stock up on summer albums for those long drives to the cottage, and Melissa McClelland's latest deserves a top spot on the iPod. The Hamilton-based songstress delivers a lush collection of layered country tunes and orchestral jazz-tinged numbers, all delivered in her spectacularly honeyed voice. While it's not Earth-shattering stuff — she plays it fairly safe on most tunes — it's still a comprehensive and moving listen. This album is a bonus for fans of Luke Doucet, who produced the disc and is married to McClelland, as his twangy sheen is all over the record.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

SIX SHOOTER RECORDS

Victoria Day is the new album from Canadian singer-songwriter Melissa McClelland.

Billy Ray Cyrus

Album: Back To Tennessee
Label: Disney/Universal
Rating: ●●

DOES THIS MAN have no shame? It's not so much that Billy Ray Cyrus is trying to kick-start his dead-end career on the back of his mega-rich daughter, but it's the fact that he's actually gone ahead and released a mainstream country album on the Disney label. Does he honestly think that legions of Hannah Montana fans are going to rush out and buy this CD simply because their idol was spawned from his seed? Some of them will no doubt find comfort in the fact that the biggest hit on the album is the "bonus track" Butterfly Fly Away, a duet with Miley. To be fair, there are some decent tracks, especially the down tempo He's Mine and the rocker Love Is The Lesson. But others like Thrillbilly and Country As Country Can Be are rendered laughable by the fact that we'll be seeing Billy Ray on the Family Channel as soon as the kids come home from school.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

John Doe and The Sadies

Album: Country Club
Label: Outside
Rating: ●●●½

THIS IS A record brimming with guilty pleasures. It's for all those who secretly admit to loving the music of Roger Miller, Porter Wagoner, Ray Price, Hank Snow, Merle Haggard and Bobby Bare. The songs are pure countrypolitan, a style of music that took hold of Nashville in the '60s as producers attempted to take country music uptown. The Sadies arrangements, however, have stripped the songs down to their original demo versions — glorious pedal steel the only embellishment. No strings or choral accompaniments here. And the song selections are brilliant. Instead of the obvious, like King Of The Road, they've taken Miller's Husbands And Wives, instead of Stand By Your Man, they've taken Tammy Wynette's Til I Get It Right. John Doe's vocals are near perfect, especially on the Kristofferson masterpiece Help Me Make It Through The Night.

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USS (Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker)

Album: Questamation
Label: Smashing World Records
Rating: ●●½

WHAT THIS RECORD needs is more cowbell. Everything else is on this genre-bending CD. So why not cowbell? The duo who comprise USS have gone out of their way here to encompass all aspects of modern pop. One minute you think you've got some '70s keyboard progster on the spin, the next it's A Flock of Seagulls (sorry, that was below the belt). There's bad sci-fi space rock, scratching rap and hip-hop dance beats, Oasis-like psychedelia, old school funk and maybe even a hint of Blue Oyster Cult, not to mention rolling seascapes, crickets, howling coyotes and campfire crackles. This is a record that's sure to create lots of buzz (it actually started last year) and then ultimately turn everybody off.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

k-os

Album: Yes
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

SINCE KHEAVEN BRERETON released his first record in 2003, he's been masterfully melding rock, hip-hop and R&B into a thought-provoking cross-genre soup of sounds. On his latest, however, the Trinidadian-born, Toronto-raised musician dives full force into rap, leaving the more "rock" rhymes to Emily Haines, Nelly Furtado and other Canadian artists. Yes is probably k-os' most focused, and intriguing record to date. Minimalist electro-drums on Astronaut, the Love Buzz bass line on Uptown Girl, and a weird use of the OC's theme song prove that even though there aren't any big riffs, Brereton's still got plenty of tricks up his sleeve.

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Archuleta, Lovato touring together

Squeaky clean tween dreams Demi Lovato and David Archuleta are set to hit the road together this summer, teaming up for a nationwide tour. EONLINE.COM

Octomom planning series on kids

DOCUMENTARY The mother of newborn octuplets says she will do a documentary series following her babies until they are 18, but the production company says it is still in "exclusive negotiations" for the deal.

Nadya Suleman, who gave birth to six boys and two girls in Los Angeles on Jan. 26, said she would allow a television crew to film her family six times a year. The babies are only the second known set of octuplets born alive in the U.S.

"It is official. I'm going to be doing a show, but it's not a reality show," Suleman, who has been nicknamed "Octomom" told Life & Style magazine, adding that the series would be made by the British arm of independent production company Eyeworks.

"What I'm doing with this TV show is basically creating documentaries about the lives of my children. It's going to be an ongoing thing, and it will follow them from now until they are 18," she said.

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Vick gone to the doc

Jailed footballer trying to land deal with channels

Michael Vick is hoping to play the reality game.

The incarcerated NFL star has talked to producers about launching an unscripted program. The proposed documentary series would follow Vick beginning July 20, the day of his scheduled release from federal custody, and show him trying to "make amends for his past."

Sources said eager producers even visited the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback in prison in the hope of signing him. As a result, a few parties claim to have obtained rights to a Vick project.

Vick is serving a 23-month sentence for dog-fighting conspiracy. His attorneys did not return a call for comment, but they told a judge this month at a bankruptcy hearing that Vick has agreed to a "television documentary deal" that will pay him $600,000.

That number represents only a small portion of what Vick is asking for, however. The athlete, who reportedly owes millions to creditors, is seeking a high-dollar figure for participation in the show.

Among the questions surrounding such a deal is the matter of which network would be interested in a Vick reality show. Insiders place bets on A&E and Spike TV as likely first stops.

"It sure won't be Animal Planet," more than one source quipped.

If Vick's show finds a home, he wouldn't be the first celebrity to get help with legal fees from TV networks. Producer Mark Burnett locked up Martha Stewart for a version of The Apprentice and her daytime talk show Martha before she was released from federal prison in 2005.

There also have been pre-prison countdown reality shows, including Lil Kim's Countdown to Lockdown on BET in 2006 and T.I.'s Road to Redemption this year on MTV.

Vick's incarceration already has inspired one series: National Geographic Channel's DogTown devoted the opening episode of its second season to the rehabilitation of 22 of Vick's pit bulls.

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GETTY IMAGES

NFL star Michael Vick is currently serving a 23-month prison term for dog-fighting conspiracy.

Stargate brings in guest stars

TV The Sci Fi Channel has lined up guest stars for its upcoming series SGU: Stargate Universe. SGU follows a group of survivors aboard an ancient ship who are unable to return to Earth. Four veterans of the Stargate franchise, Richard Dean Anderson, Amanda Tapping, Michael Shanks and Gary Jones, will reprise their roles in guest stints.

Law & Order: SVU returning for 11th

SEASON NBC has renewed Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, but the two stars of the show, Mariska Hargitay and Christopher Meloni, still have no deals to return. The network has closed a pact with Wolf Films to bring the veteran crime drama back for an 11th season.

Booker winner coming to film

ADAPTATION The White Tiger, the Man Booker Prize-winning novel about class tensions in contemporary India, has been optioned for a film adaptation. Smuggler Films, the newly formed company of producer John Hart (Revolutionary Road), has acquired rights to Aravind Adiga's debut novel for its first project.

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30 Rock

Workaholic Liz (Tina Fey) must find a way to occupy her time during a short-term suspension from work. Jack (Alec Baldwin) asks Jenna (Jane Krakowski) to use her star power to create promotional buzz when the film studio has second thoughts about releasing her Janis Joplin biopic. Tracy Morgan and Jack McBrayer co-star in the new episode "Jackie Jormp-Jomp." 9:30 PM on CITY

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Hodges and Wendy (Wallace Langham, Liz Vassey) wind up investigating the death of a beloved actor when they run into each other at a science-fiction convention for one of their favorite classic TV shows. Kate Vernon ("Battlestar Galactica") guest stars in the new episode "A Space Oddity"; Laurence Fishburne, Marg Helgenberger and George Eads also star. 9 PM on CBS CTV

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Governor Pratt?

Turns out that Hills star Spencer Pratt has political aspirations. "I don't know if I'll be getting elected any time in the next century or so, but I'm definitely going after mayor of L.A. and at least governor," Pratt says, according to Pop Sugar. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Jackson's toy auction called off

INCOME Looks like that big auction of Michael Jackson's toys and trinkets from Neverland Ranch isn't happening. The singer had originally agreed to the auction to help pay off his massive debts, but cancelled it after booking a series of high-paying shows in London. Jackson will get to keep the nearly 2,000 items, according to TMZ. METRO WORLD NEWS

Geri's already found a new man

DATING Her engagement to tycoon Fabrizio Politi ended a month ago, but Geri Halliwell has already found somebody new. The former Spice Girl was caught canoodling with British aristocrat Henry Beckwith on a luxurious ski trip in France, according to the Daily Mail. METRO WORLD NEWS

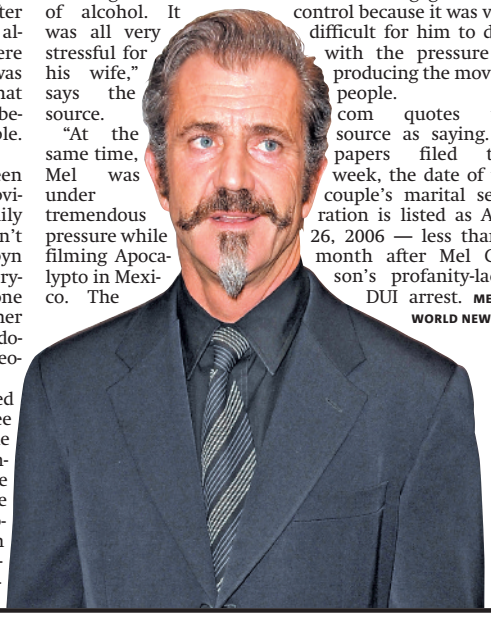
Tense home gave away Mel's marriage troubles

DIVORCE A source close to Mel and Robyn Gibson — who this week announced they were divorcing after 28 years of marriage — alleges that the atmosphere in the couple's home was often a giveaway that things were not right between the couple, people.com reports.

"The tension between Mel and Robyn was obvious. Even during family dinners, they wouldn't speak sometimes. Robyn would pretend that everything was perfect. No one would ever dare to ask her how she and Mel were doing," the source tells People.

The problems seemed to become evident three years ago, the magazine alleges. "During the summer of 2005 the whole family had a great time hanging out at the Gibson's Malibu beach house, but at the beginning of (2006), Mel started having severe depression and went back to drinking massive amounts of alcohol. It was all very stressful for his wife," says the source.

"At the same time, Mel was under tremendous pressure while filming Apocalypto in Mexico. The movie got delayed because of terrible rainstorms... Mel's drinking got out of control because it was very difficult for him to deal with the pressure of producing the movie," people.com quotes the source as saying. In papers filed this week, the date of the couple's marital separation is listed as Aug. 26, 2006 — less than a month after Mel Gibson's profanity-laced DUI arrest. METRO WORLD NEWS



Economy may hamper Britney's tour plans

LEGALITIES Britney Spears' father has been seeking permission from a judge to expand the pop star's current Circus tour — but the dour economy may hamper those plans, it was revealed in a Los Angeles courtroom Tuesday, people.com reports.

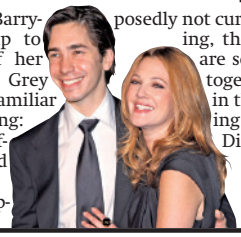
The pop star, 27, is halfway into a 49-show tour through Canada, the U.S. and the U.K., with hopes to add more dates through Europe, Australia and a possible second U.S. tour. "It hasn't yet been determined whether it's feasible to expand tours to the Europe or Australia legs," L.A. Superior Court Commissioner Reva Goetz said following a closed-door discussion with Jamie and his lawyers. "That will be determined... after everyone's seen the analysis, in terms of the economy and value of the dollar."

Spears and another lawyer hold indefinite legal control over his daughter following her two forced hospitalizations last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Drew, Justin are on again

ROMANCE Drew Barrymore showed up to the premiere of her new HBO film, Grey Gardens, with a familiar face tagging along: On-again, off-again boyfriend Justin Long.

The two are supposedly not currently dating, though they are set to work together again in the upcoming Going the Distance. METRO WORLD NEWS



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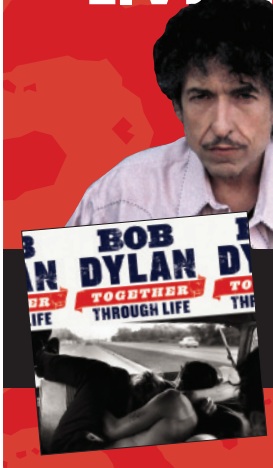

LONDON'S LEGENDARY THE ROUNDHOUSE APRIL 26TH, 2009

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Bob Dylan – Together Through Life
Brand new studio album In stores and on line April 28th, 2009.

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Local female artists donate time and talent to raise money to educate girls, Sunday, April 19 at Café Deux Soleils, 2096 Commercial Drive, 8 pm to midnight.

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- Judy Lea (singer/songwriter, guitarist)
- Jill Newman (singer/songwriter, lead blues guitar), and
- Joni Miller & StoneBanditz (blues/rock bass guitar)

Admission is by donation.
Can't make it? Donate on line at givegirlsachance.org

Why? Here's what the experts say:

The World Bank: "There is no investment more effective for achieving development goals than educating girls."
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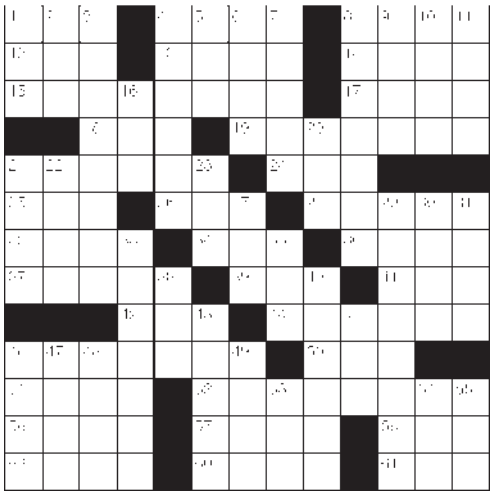


Crossword across

1 Auction action
4 Presentation
8 A-number-1
12 Blackjack component
13 Emanation
14 Make a lasting impression?
15 JFK or LBJ, e.g.
17 Waikiki wingding
18 Rowing need
19 Granting permission
21 Cold season
24 Uncivilized
25 "— was saying..."
26 Fix the soundtrack
28 Doppler device
32 Heckle
34 Space
36 Bigfoot's cousin
37 Nerdy guy
39 Joke
41 Oft-tattooed word
42 Branch
44 Four-poster
46 Montgolfier transport
50 Torched
51 Margarine
52 Wreck
56 "— it romantic?"
57 History chapters
58 Not paleo-
59 Oodles
60 Lomond is one
61 Wander about

Crossword down

1 Awful
2 "Rocks"
3 Portray as satanic
4 Holy
5 "Ben- —"
6 Exam format
7 "Just add —"
8 D.C. social world
9 Needle case
10 Read briefly
11 Hoodlum
16 Feedbag bit
20 Paving gunk
21 Hospital section
22 "— Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
23 Obvious hairpiece
27 Satchel
29 Reducing in rank
30 On
31 Frost-covered
33 Ardent enthusiasts
35 — -10 Conference
38 Street address?
40 Overshoe
43 Runway VIP
45 Zilch
46 Seethe
47 As well
48 Fast time?
49 Infamous lyre player
53 Singer Davis
54 The Red or the Black
55 Coal carrier

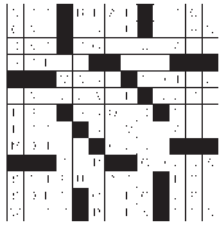
Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5	8					3		9
	6	1	9				8	4
3			7	8			6	
			3		4	8	9	
		3		9		6		
	1	5	8		6			
	3			2	7			6
4	7				8	1	5	
2		6					3	8

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



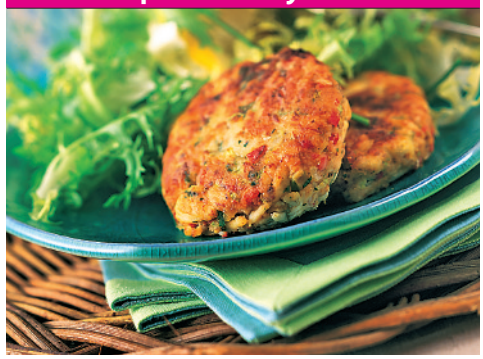
1	3	7	8	9	2	6	4	5
4	2	5	3	6	1	7	8	9
6	9	8	4	7	5	1	2	3
8	1	9	2	5	6	4	3	7
7	6	2	1	4	3	9	5	8
5	4	3	7	8	9	2	6	1
9	7	4	6	3	8	5	1	2
3	5	1	9	2	4	8	7	6
2	8	6	5	1	7	3	9	4

Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Chesapeake Crab Cakes

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 celery stalk with leaves, finely chopped
1/3 cup finely chopped and seeded red pepper
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced shallot
2 tbsp (25 ml) finely chopped parsley
2 tbsp (25 ml) coarse Dijon mustard
2 tbsp (25 ml) low-fat mayonnaise
2 large egg whites
1 tsp (5 ml) Old Bay seasoning
1 lb (500 g) lump crabmeat, picked through
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil

METHOD:

1. Mix bread crumbs, celery, red pepper, shallot, parsley, mustard, mayonnaise, egg whites and Old Bay seasoning in large bowl. Fold in crabmeat.
2. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Spread flour on waxed paper. Divide crab mixture into 8 mounds, then form into patties with floured hands. Dredge in flour.
3. Lightly coat non-stick frying pan with non-stick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Cook 4 crab cakes until brown, about 2 minutes on each side. Drizzle 1 tsp (5 ml) oil around crab cakes, gently shaking pan to spread oil, right after turning crab cakes over. Transfer to plate lined with paper towels. Repeat with remaining crab cakes and oil.
4. Lightly coat baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray, place crab cakes on sheet, and bake until very hot in centre, 8 to 10 minutes.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Deal with health issues one at a time. Jealousy makes you laugh. Count your blessings in an unbelievable situation.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A lazy person reveals deep-seated greed. Play it safe by speaking out. Limit your involvement with a sneaky old friend.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be bold to defeat bashfulness. Trust affection to win over a friend. Say goodbye to a painful past.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Pardon an annoying coward who left a mess. An insulting accusation creates anxiety. An astounding dream leads you to good fortune.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A problem will be solved if you play it cool. Defences could engage your fight-or-flight mechanism. Don't let a bad phone call ruin communication.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Try to hide some slobby personal habits. Unexpected demands widen your perspective. Change your tactics when mercy is shown.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A victory will be a vindication. A perplexing situation arises at the last minute. Maintain your silence about trashy treasures.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Reorganizing causes wonderful changes. Help a friend to take it easy. You can nurture hope for a sweetheart.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A sentimental person exposes a new passion to you. Don't judge someone who lives in despair. Shake off your qualms by learning the facts.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Gambling causes a breach in a weak relationship. A shameless person is enthusiastic. There's a pointless argument over a ridiculous rule.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You won't want to heed any cries for help. An oddball gets ignored in public. A judgmental woman ridicules signs of growing older.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A youngster wants you to take charge. The odds can be beaten. An entertaining adventurer attracts attention.

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